

8th Grade Social Studies 2017 Summer Assignment

Due: September 11, 2017

If you have questions or concerns, email instructors: Pierre Dizon at pierredizon@rencharter.org or Emily Oliapuram at emilyoliapuram@rencharter.org

*Your job over the summer will be to complete **just one (1)** project from the two choices below. You get to **CHOOSE** the project you will complete. Everyone will be expected to present their work when we get back to school.*

I. Memory Box

- A. **Retrieve a box** (preferably a shoe box or any box that could house a good amount of items)
- B. **Decorate the box** with your sense of style (For example: when Pierre had a memory box during his summer before 8th grade, he had decorated one with star gift wrapping paper)
- C. **Place an item of your choice in the box for every week of the summer (9-10 items in total that have some important significance to you).** For example: For one of his items, Pierre added a scorecard from a mini golf outing he had with his cousins)
- D. **Write a response** about each object that answers the two following questions:
 - A. **Why did you choose this object? What do you think this object says about you? (at least 6-7 sentences)** [This requires you to dig deep... (For example: Pierre chose the scorecard because that was the first time he ever played mini golf. He really found that mini golf was a really fun game. More importantly, he found out how much he loved outdoor activities. In addition, he began to cherish the time he spent with cousins in Virginia Beach. He realized he could only really see his cousins during his summers. With putting the scorecard in the box, it was a nice way to remember the moment but also his cousins.)

II. Summer Current Events

- A. **Find and read 8 different articles** from reputable news sources like the NYTimes, The LA Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, and Al Jazeera. (*There should at least be 4 articles from July and at least 4 articles from August*)
- B. **Summarize each article (1 paragraph)**
- C. **Answer the following question for each article (1 paragraph):**
 - a. **What does this article have to do with what you learned in Social Studies?** (*Please do not write that the article doesn't have to do with anything in Social Studies. You may think about power, wealth and morality as some themes we learned about this past year as well as anything else that may have some sort of connection to Social Studies.*)